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SUBJ: UPI CHICAGO STORY

UPI REPORTED OUT OF CHICAGO THIS MORNING FOLLOWING STORY:

"CHICAGO (UPI) -- THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS QUOTED STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES TODAY AS SAYING DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER HIMSELF WAS THE SOURCE OF REPORTS THAT KISSINGER WILL REPLACE WILLIAM ROGERS AS SECRETARY OF STATE.

THE NEWS STORY WAS WRITTEN BY KEYES BEECH FROM TOKYO, WHERE ROGERS IS ATTENDING A U.S.-JAPAN ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

ROGERS HAS REFUSED COMMENT ON REPORTS OF KISSINGER'S TAKING HIS PLACE WHICH WERE AIRED FRIDAY BY THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM.

BEECH QUOTED A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL AS SAYING, 'HENRY
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WANTS THE JOB, ALL RIGHT, BUT HE'S PROBABLY TELLING THE

TRUTH WHEN HE SAYS THAT THE PRESIDENT HASN'T DISCUSSED
THE MATTER WITH HIM. THE REASON IS THAT HENRY HASN'T HAD

THE GUTS TO ASK NIXON FOR THE JOB'.
ONE REASON KISSINGER WANTS THE SECRETARY'S JOB IS TO GET
OUT FROM UNDER THE SHADOW OF WATERGATE,/ A STATE DEPT-
MENT OFFICIAL WAS QUOTED AS SAYING.

THE NEWS STORY SAID STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES ADMITTED
THERE WAS A PERSONALITY CONFLICT BETWEEN ROGERS AND
KISSINGER. THEY CREDITED HIM WITH DOING A GOOD JOB IN
HIS MISSIONS FOR NIXON, BEECH WROTE, BUT ADDED MOST OF
KISSINGER'S IDEAS HAD ORIGINATED WITH THE STATE DEPART-
MENT."

2. TRYING TO LOCATE FULL TEXT CDN STORY AND ARE BEING
PRESSED HEAVILY FOR COMMENT ON IT, AS WELL AS OTHER
RELATED STORIES AND RUMORS RE SECRETARY'S PLANS AND IN-
TENTIONS. RUSH

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